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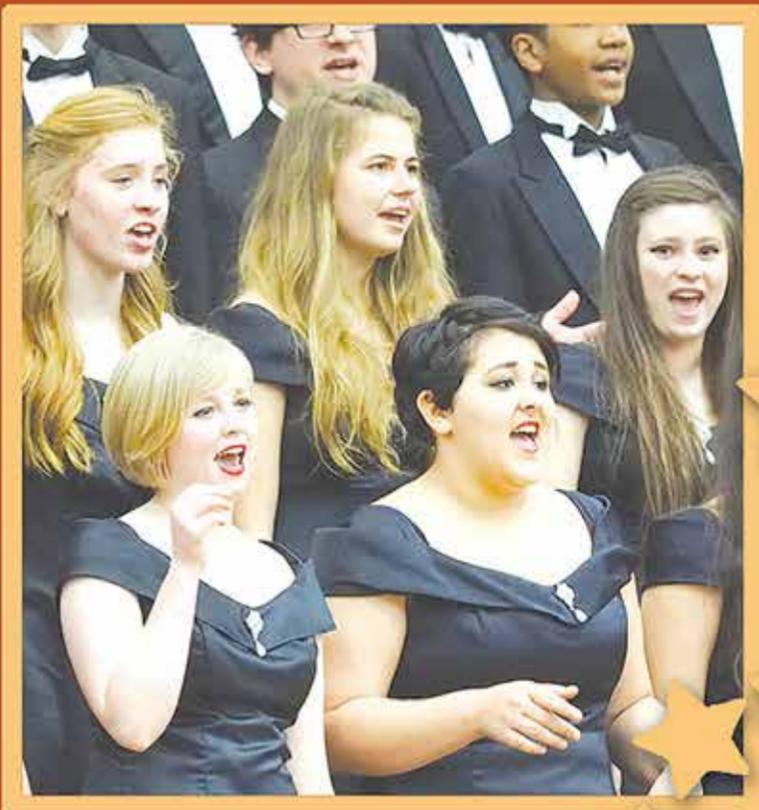
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**WINTER CHINOOK AT LAST!**

Finally, after what feels like an eternity, beginning Feb. 1, we can get back out on Puget Sound in Marine Areas 7, 8-1, 8-2, and 9 in search of keeper-sized (minimum size 22 inches) Winter Blackmouth.

If you're not familiar with the term *Blackmouth*, it's used to describe a young or resident Chinook salmon. These resident fish, like all other Chinook salmon, have a very distinctive black gumline, hence the name. Another question you could be asking yourself is, "I thought all the seasonal Chinook salmon had migrated to the rivers to spawn?" and you would be correct. However, thanks to some very scientific calculations and some smart hatchery practices, resident Blackmouth were born. The majority of these fish have no urge to travel north to the Bering Sea and feed in the rich waters of Alaska; instead they remain in the surrounding Puget Sound waters searching for and feeding on herring, sand lance, and shrimp for a period of four years, growing to adulthood, then just as their migrating Blackmouth cousins, head back to the river to spawn. Everyone should be excited and happy we have these resident fish - if you're a fisherman it means we get the opportunity to fish for salmon for more than just the summer months. In addition, the Blackmouth also provide some winter time protein for resident orca whale pods. Personally, I wish the state would let the hatcheries incubate and release a lot more baby Blackmouth. When I first started fishing the Puget Sound in 1995, Marine Area 7 was open the whole year for Chinook salmon, including winter Blackmouth; there has always been a size and catch limit, but it was nice to be able to fish any weekend when the weather permitted.

Do we need to fish differently for these winter Blackmouth than we do the migrating spring and summer salmon? For the most part I would say no, but here is the biggest difference: The local fish are accustomed to the size and color of what they have been eating here in the Sound for the last three to four years. Basically, this means as a rule we will fish with smaller baits and lures. For instance, in the summer a six or seven inch Atomic-style Plug will get the attention of a migrating Alaskan fish; they're used to seeing bigger baits, but for our resident fish a four-inch plug is the go-to size if you are a plug fisherman. The old saying "match the hatch" still holds true. Select red label frozen herring if they are available. They are four to five inches in length, for spoons, 3.5-inches is the most popular size in the Sound; the needlefish-style Hoochie is very popular because its thin design imitates sand lance very well. The same rule of thumb applies to bucktail hair style lures. I have mentioned this in the past - "points

point to fish." I'm talking about points of land. Fish like to hunt around underwater humps and predominate land structures that continue into the water. Here is another proven statement: "Big fish like big baits." So, when you're fishing, don't rule out larger spoons and baits, just be aware that you may not catch the number of fish you would with a slightly smaller offering. When my son and I are out trolling and we have caught a fish on the smaller offerings, we will swap out the 3.5-inch lure and attach a four or five inch lure in its place on one of our trolling rods just in case there is a big guy hanging around. For any lucky fishermen that participate in the salmon derbies held throughout the Puget Sound, this is the time to pull big lures and baits; that one big fish could be worth a nice grand prize!

Generally, 90 percent of the Blackmouth are going to be very near the bottom, sand lance is one of the salmon's favorite meals. The sand lance burrow into the loose sand to help hold their position against tidal currents and the Blackmouth know this, so they stay deep and scour the bottom for a chance to ambush these skinny, tasty fish. There is also a chance the fish could encounter a colony of shrimp. Any Blackmouth caught that weighs in the high teens and low 20s are above average size fish and have a great chance to be a potential derby winner. The majority of the winter Blackmouth you will catch will be a little on the long and skinny side; the Sound is not always full of baitfish to feed on, so the Blackmouth cover many miles in search of food.

Trolling tactics for Blackmouth do not differ much from any other Chinook salmon; troll with the tide even if it means picking up your gear and running up current. Use the downrigger cable as your correct boat speed indicator, keep it on average at a 45 degree blow-back, troll in a slight zig-zag pattern - this varies the bait or lure movement - subtle movements can make a difference. Always remember to think "Charlie White," which means never troll more than 15 minutes without checking your bait or lure for fowling or other negative effects. If the rod tip doesn't look right, check it. Winter Blackmouth are fantastic table fare, so if we get some calm days and you don't mind the cold, fresh salmon is what's for dinner. There has been no fishing pressure on these local fish this winter, so the odds of us hooking into some keepers is better than average.

Because it is cold, take extra time to be safe and have fun catching what I hope is the first of many 2020 salmon and GOOD LUCK out there!



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# ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



While not watching football last Sunday, a file labeled *On Track* caught my eye.

In the yellow tagged, reddish orange folder were several post-it notes stuck together – news clippings,

cards, and other items which were of interest to me at the time of filing.

Some of the highlights are worth sharing. Curiosity may be tough on cats, but for this weekly supplier of unnecessary information, curiosity is a stack of stuck stuff.

Marine Steve McQueen was busted seven times in three years.

"If I've learned anything it is that there is really no reason to try to understand life." Dodger broadcaster Vin Scully during a 2014 interview with Seth Davis.

"People don't care how much you know unless they know how much you care." Zach Terrell, Quarterback, Western Michigan

"Contracts are like hearts. They are meant to be broken." Ray Kroc

Taken from the *South Whidbey Record*, September, 1986 – "Correction: The Record may have inaccurately reported an incident taken from the Sheriff's Report last week. It was reported that on August 29, a Greenbank man threatened his wife with a hammer. In fact, the threat was made to his mother-in-law, according to the mother-in-law. She was not hurt and declined to press charges."

From *Parade* magazine, August 11, 2019 – "The greatest singalong chorus in the Neil Diamond catalog found inspiration in tragedy. Diamond began writing this piece after seeing a picture of young Caroline Kennedy, daughter of the late President John F. Kennedy. He completed the song in 1969, six years after the President's assassination, when Caroline was 11. Later it became an eighth-inning staple at Boston Red Sox games."

From an interactive quiz on the web at <http://seati.ms/pronunciation-quiz>: "According to a city official, the town of Anacortes' first post office was named by Amos Bowman, a Canadian land surveyor and geologist, in honor of his wife, Annie Curtis. The town, then called Ship Harbor, was relocated from where the Washington State ferries dock is now."

From a research survey conducted by Kelton Global, the most commonly left behind items in the hotel include clothing, 42 percent; toiletries, 42 percent; electronic devices/chargers, 40 percent; jewelry and watches, 15 percent; underwear, 13 percent; hairstyling tools, 13 percent.

When we were elementary school kids riding our bikes to Tremont pool for summer fun, we used to ask each other if we had the three T's—ticket, towel, and trunks.

Then we'd laugh.

Patricia Hajifotou of Chagrin Falls, Ohio checks for belongings in the hotel room by remembering the three B's—bed, bath, and balcony. These are the three places where travelers are most usually forgetful.

My advice—stay home and lose stuff for free.

From a Bazooka Joe comic: "Extend your arms out to your sides. Have a friend push down on your wrists for 30 seconds while you resist. Then have your friend let go. Try to prevent your arms from rising up automatically. Bet you can't."

If you have no friends, just try it with one arm and use your other arm to try to fool yourself.

From *Whidbey Weekly* reader Deborah's Christmas card:

"Here is a good joke for your column."

A teacher asked her class, "What do you want out of life?"

A little girl in the back row raised her hand and said, "All I want out of life is four little animals."

The teacher asked, "And what four little animals would that be, sugar?"

The little girl said, "A mink on my back, a Jaguar in the garage, a tiger in my bed, and a jackass to pay for it all."

The teacher fainted.

Remember when your Mom used to say, "Open that outside"?

In *Jeopardy* champ Ken Jennings' 2012 book, *Because I Said So: The Truth Behind the Myths, Tales, and Warnings Every Generation Passes Down to its Kids*, Jennings writes:

"No swimming for an hour after lunch. You'll cramp up. Perhaps no piece of dubious parental wisdom has ever been followed so precisely. It is true that when we eat, our bodies divert blood to the stomach to aid in digestion, but, as you may have noticed, that doesn't immobilize your arms and legs. In fact, long distance swimmers are routinely fed in the middle of races to make sure they stay nourished and hydrated. The only dangerous lunch for swimmers would be one that included a martini or two. So, get this straight moms and dads: Popsicles by the pool: fine. Peach vodka Popsicles: maybe less so."

During a reported exchange between Winston Churchill and Lady Astor, she said, "If you were my husband, I'd give you poison."

His reply—"If you were my wife, I'd drink it."

The *New York Daily News*, 9/19/2013, shared this North Carolina boy's letter to Santa:

Dear Santa,  
My mom said to send you a Christmas list. I wanted a remote control car and helicopter but I do not want that anymore. Kids at school are still picking on my sister Amber and it is not fair because she does not do anything to them and it makes me mad. I prayed that they would stop, but God is busy and I need your help. Is it against the rules to give up gifts early? Can you ask Big Time Rush to come to Amber's birthday party? It will make her so happy. If you do not get them to come that is fine, just get her everything she asked for. Thanks Santa. Love, Ryan.

P.S. – My mom throws the best birthday parties. You can come if you want.

From one of Unity of Everett's church bulletins: A young lady confidently walked around the room while leading and explaining stress management to an audience with a raised glass of water.

Everyone knew she was going to ask the ultimate question, "half empty or half full?"

She fooled them all. "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile.

Answers called out ranged from 8 ounces to 20 ounces.

She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes, and that is the way it is with stress."

"If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on. As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for awhile and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden, holding stress longer and better each time practiced."

"So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night."

"Pick them up tomorrow."

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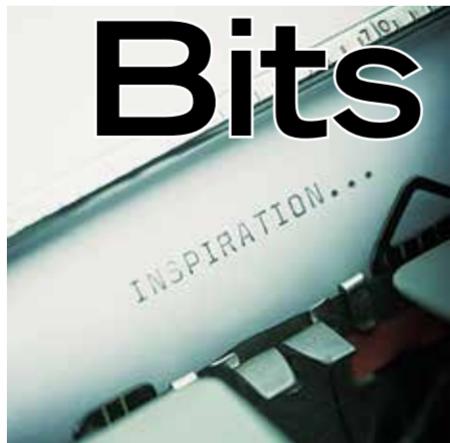
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# Bits & Pieces

## Salish Sea Early Music Festival

The 2020 Salish Sea Early Music Festival presents seven Saturday and Sunday performances at 7:30PM on Whidbey Island in its tenth annual festival of early music in 2020, beginning Saturday, Jan. 25 and extending through May 16. The concerts will feature some of the finest period instrument specialists in chamber music from North America and Europe, from the Renaissance through Beethoven, all on period instruments. The Festival begins with "A Little Evening Concert for Louis XIV," featuring baroque bassoonist Anna Marsh, Saturday, Jan. 25 at 7:30PM at St. Augustine's in-the-Woods Episcopal Church, 5217 South Honeymoon Bay Road, Freeland.

A precious and completely unknown manuscript, that is nowhere to be heard, details nightly musical entertainment for Louis XIV, who in his later years preferred to hear the music of his youth in smaller chamber music settings, with baroque flutist Jeffrey Cohan, baroque bassoonist Anna Marsh, violinist Courtney Kuroda and violist Victoria Gunn.

Admission is by suggested donation: \$15, \$20 or \$25 (a free will offering), those 18 and under are free. For additional information please see [www.salishseafestival.org/whidbey](http://www.salishseafestival.org/whidbey) or call the church at 360-331-4887.

[Submitted by Jeffrey Cohan]

## Central Whidbey Hearts & Hammers Host Annual Dinner

Central Whidbey Hearts & Hammers will host its annual Community Dinner at Coupeville Recreation Hall Friday, Jan. 31, from 5:30 to 7:30PM. Everyone is invited and everyone is welcome. Come share a delicious meal with your neighbors. Donations welcome with all proceeds to support CWH&H.

CWH&H is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization of "Neighbors helping Neighbors" supporting homeowners to stay safe and healthy in their homes. As neighbors we assist homeowners who are physically or financially unable to do needed work on their homes themselves. The work is done by volunteers during an annual Work Day the first Saturday in May - May 2, 2020.

Typical projects include, but are not limited to, yard clean-up, trash removal, gutter cleaning, plumbing, electrical work, painting, flooring, deck reconstruction, railings, and wheelchair ramps.

If you or a neighbor are Central Whidbey homeowners and need help with home repairs, please consider an application to be included as a project for this year's Work Day.

Homeowners from Greenbank to Coupeville, with limited resources and unable to do necessary work, can apply directly to CWH&H for assistance by email to [cwheartsandhammers@gmail.com](mailto:cwheartsandhammers@gmail.com) or by phone at 360-720-2114. The deadline for getting a house on the list for evaluation is Feb. 15.

"Hearts and Hammers is a truly local, community organization that lives up to its motto of 'neighbors helping neighbors,'" said board president Kelly Keilwitz. "Our mission is to build community by engaging neighbors with a wide variety of skills to assist our neighbors who have challenges with their home repairs. As a nonprofit, we don't charge the homeowners we help, our volunteers do the work and we cover the costs for parts and materials with donations from the community."

[Submitted by Kathleen Jo Ryan]

## Young Musicians Award 2020

This \$500 award is intended to encourage promising young musicians - instrumental, vocal, choral composition - in the pursuit of classical music studies, performance and experience beyond high school, whether in college, conservatory or through private training. These funds may be used for such things as private lessons, music scores, instrument maintenance, master classes or summer workshops, paying professional accompanists for support in auditions/recordings, etc.

### Eligibility Requirements

Applicants for this grant must:

- Be a high school junior or senior or a college freshman or sophomore
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- Live on Whidbey Island or - if in college - have lived on Whidbey for at least two years prior to application deadline and maintain Whidbey connection (i.e. family still lives on Whidbey while applicant attends school elsewhere)
- Demonstrate financial need

The application deadline is Feb. 1, the award will be announced March 1.

For information and application forms, visit [www.islandconsort.org/young-musicians-award](http://www.islandconsort.org/young-musicians-award) or contact Sheila Weidendorf at [sweidendorf@whidbey.com](mailto:sweidendorf@whidbey.com)

[Submitted by Sheila Weidendorf]

## Celebrate A SUVA-Style Valentine's

### How to Have the Greatest Valentine's Day Ever

All those drawn to the sea will gather Friday, Feb. 14, at the Mariners and Mermaids Gala Auction and Dance to celebrate with those they love as well as honor the work of the Coupeville Maritime Heritage Foundation and raise funds for the preservation of the historic Schooner SUVA.

The Wind and Rain Band will provide the evening's music while guests, dressed as relaxed mariners or sparkling mermaids, enjoy sweet Valentine treats and bid on an array of silent auction items ranging from a beautiful hand-crafted model sailboat to gift certificates from Whidbey Island's favorite restaurants and beauty spas.

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[Submitted by Ana Kinkaid]

## Sen. Muzzall Unanimously Elected Deputy Whip

On the third day of the 2020 legislative session, Sen. Ron Muzzall, R-Oak Harbor, was elected to a leadership position by his Senate Republican colleagues. Muzzall will serve as the deputy whip for the caucus.

"The selection for this position came as a surprise to me," said Muzzall. "The caucus apparently has enough confidence in me to have voted unanimously and I'm proud of that vote of faith. I will do my best to fulfill the responsibilities of this role and their expectations."

The deputy whip is responsible for assisting the whip in monitoring attendance of the senators during floor sessions and caucuses. In addition to aiding leadership in communicating procedural votes to other members, the deputy whip acts as the whip in the event of their absence.

"My ability to effectively represent my constituents has been strengthened by my position as the assistant ranking member on the State Government, Tribal Relations and Elections Committee and now as deputy whip. I'm looking forward to the next 57 days and working hard for the people of the 10th District."

[Submitted by Laudan Espinoza]

## Local Business News

### Garry Oak Gallery Welcomes Harold Hertlein

Garry Oak Gallery is pleased to announce segmented wood turning artist Harold Hertlein has joined its membership. Inspired by the patterns of the Southwest and Maria Martinez pottery, Harold creates turned wooden bowls, vases and plates that evoke the Southwest. He combines a variety of natural wood pieces with glue and then turns them on the lathe into pleasing and functional shapes. He finds inspiration as the personality of the wood and the pattern of the piece emerge through his process.

Garry Oak Gallery is located at 830 SE Pioneer Way in Oak Harbor and is open Monday through Saturday from 10:30AM to 5:30PM, Sundays 10:30 am to 3:00PM. For more information, visit [www.garryoakgallery.com](http://www.garryoakgallery.com) or call 360-240-0222.

# Are Your Financial and Tax Advisors Talking?

Now that we've closed the book on 2019, it's officially Tax Season. As you prepare your tax returns for the April 15 deadline, you might already start looking for opportunities to improve your tax-related financial outcomes in the future. And one important step you can take is to connect your tax professional with your financial advisor. Together, these professionals can help you take advantage of some valuable strategies:

• **Roth vs. traditional IRA** - If you're eligible to contribute to a Roth IRA and a traditional IRA, you might find it beneficial to have your financial advisor talk to your tax professional about which is the better choice. Generally, if you think your tax rate will be higher in retirement, you might want to contribute to the Roth IRA, which provides tax-free withdrawals (if you're older than 59 1/2 and have had your account at least five years). But if you think your tax bracket will be lower when you retire, you might be better off with the traditional IRA, which offers upfront tax benefits - specifically, your contributions may reduce your annual taxable income in a given tax year. Your tax advisor may have some thoughts on this issue, as well as how it might fit in with your overall tax picture in retirement.

• **Taxable vs. non-taxable income** - Turning taxable income into non-taxable income can lower your current year's tax bracket. Depending on your income, you could potentially subtract your traditional IRA contributions (or your SEP-IRA contributions if you're self-employed) from your taxable income. And even now, it's not too late to affect the 2019 tax year, if you still haven't reached the IRA or SEP-IRA contribution limits. Before you file your 2019 tax returns, your tax professional can tell your financial advisor how much you would have to contribute to your traditional IRA, SEP-IRA or similar account to potentially lower your taxable income. If you make the contribution, your financial advisor can illustrate how it would impact your retirement picture and make a recommendation on how to invest the money. (You can fund your IRA with virtually any type of investment - stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and so on.)

• **Capital gains taxes on mutual funds** - You might think you have total control over taxes related to your mutual funds. After all, you decide how long to hold these funds before selling shares and incurring capital gains taxes. However, mutual fund managers are usually free to buy and sell new investments as they see fit, and some of these sales could generate capital gains taxes for you. If these taxes are relatively large in any one year, your tax professional may notice and could relay this information to your financial advisor. This doesn't necessarily mean these mutual funds are inappropriate for you; they still may be suitable for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. But the tax aspect may be of interest to your financial advisor, who might recommend more tax-efficient investment options.

*Your investment and tax pictures have many overlaps, and by ensuring your team of advisors is working together, or at least communicating with each other, you can increase the chances of getting your desired results.*

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# What's Going On

All entries are listed chronologically, unless there are multiple entries for the same venue or are connected to a specific organization (such as Sno-Isle Libraries) in which case all entries for that venue or organization are listed collectively in chronological order under one heading.

## Lions Club Blood Drive

Thursday, January 23, 11:00AM-5:00PM  
Coupeville United Methodist Church

Sponsored by the Coupeville Lions Club. One pint of blood can save three lives and together we have helped save hundreds of lives in our community hospitals throughout Western Washington. To donate, just drop in or you may schedule an appointment: DonorSched@Bloodworksnw.org or call 1-800-398-7888. The church is located at 608 North Main Street. For more information, call Sue Hartin at 503-789-3595.

## Book Lover's Bus Tour

Friday, January 24

Take Island Transit to two libraries and two bookstores between Coupeville and Oak Harbor. Meet authors, ask them about writing and publishing, learn about library resources, and take home a movie, music or a good book for winter reading. RSVP email: Travel@IslandTransit.org or 360-678-9536.

## Island Herb Vendor Day

Friday, January 24, 2:00-5:00PM  
Island Herb, Freeland

Representatives from Dama will be on site with product displays and information. Must be 21 or older. Island Herb is located at 5565 Vanbarr Pl, Unit F. For more information, call 360-331-0140 or visit whidbeyislandherb.com. \*This product has intoxicating effects and may be habit forming. Marijuana can impair concentration, coordination, and judgment. Do not operate a vehicle or machinery under the influence of this drug. There may be health risks associated with consumption of this product. For use only by adults 21 and older. Keep out of the reach of children.

## Star Party

Friday, January 24, 6:30PM

Fort Nugent Park, Oak Harbor

Explore the night sky and view distant galaxies, planets and nebulas at this free public Star Party hosted by the Island County Astronomical Society (ICAS). No telescope is needed and people of all ages are welcome to attend. Be sure and dress warmly and note the event will be canceled if the weather is cloudy. For more information, contact Bob Scott at ICAS\_President@outlook.com or visit www.icas-wa.org.

## Salmon Dinner Benefit

Friday, January 24, 5:00-7:00PM

Langley United Methodist Church

Enjoy salmon, baked potato, coleslaw, garlic bread, and cake. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. To benefit clients of Helping Hand of South Whidbey. You could win four terrace level tickets to a Mariners game, a signed Seahawks football, or a gift basket. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or six for \$10. Need not be present to win. Tickets are available at Helping Hand's office on the Trinity Lutheran Church campus in Freeland from 9:00AM to noon weekdays and at the Salmon Dinner. For more information, call 360-221-7777.

## Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner

Saturday, January 25, 12:00, 2:00, and 4:00PM  
Whidbey Island Nordic Hall, Coupeville

The public is invited and welcome to enjoy this longtime Scandinavian tradition. In addition to lutefisk and meatballs with gravy, melted butter, white cream sauce, and bacon bits will be served. The meal also includes potatoes, vegetable, lefse, dessert, and a drink. To attend this meal will require a ticket which can be purchased at www.whidbeyislandnordicclodge.com or by calling 360-678-5197. All purchases

must be made by Tuesday, Jan. 21. There will not be any tickets sold at the door.

## Live Music: Mussel Flats

Saturday, January 25, 7:30-9:30PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

Mussel Flats is a local classic rock/blues band. They play classics that will have you up and dancing. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

## Salish Sea Early Music Festival

Saturday, January 25, 7:30PM

St. Augustine's in-the-Woods Episcopal Church, Freeland

The Festival begins with "A Little Evening Concert for Louis XIV." A precious and completely unknown manuscript, that is nowhere to be heard, details nightly musical entertainment for Louis XIV, who in his later years preferred to hear the music of his youth in smaller chamber music settings; with baroque flutist Jeffrey Cohan, baroque bassoonist Anna Marsh, violinist Courtney Kuroda and violist Victoria Gunn. Admission is by suggested donation: \$15, \$20 or \$25 (a free will offering), those 18 and under are free. For additional information please see www.salishseafestival.org/whidbey or call the church at 360-331-4887.

## Crowning Achievements - A Royal Collaboration

Saturday, January 25, 7:30PM

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley

Sunday, January 26, 2:30PM

Oak Harbor High School

Presented by Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra. Music Director Anna Edwards will lead the orchestra in a program featuring the award-winning Oak Harbor High School choirs, under the direction of Darren McCoy.

Marta Zekan, weekend announcer at Classical KING-FM 98.1 radio, will be moderating the pre-concert chat 45 minutes before each performance. These informal discussions give further insight into the compositions, composers and performers.

General admission concert tickets are \$25/ adult and \$20/senior-military. Students under 18 admitted free. Program information at www.sowhidbey.com or 360-929-3045. Tickets available for the Jan. 25 concert only at tickets.wicaonline.org or 360-221-8262. Tickets available for the Jan. 26 concert at bayleaf in Coupeville, and Click Music in Oak Harbor and day of tickets at Oak Harbor High School. For more detailed information visit www.sowhidbey.com or 360-929-3045.

## Live Music: Marcus Whiting

Sunday, January 26, 4:00-6:00PM

Blooms Winery 5511 Bistro, Freeland

Take a break from football with the talented Marcus Whiting on piano and vocals. Playing classic pop, rock & roll, and a few jazz standards, Marcus brings songs to life with his soulful vocals and musicianship.

## CWH&H Community Dinner

Friday, January 31, 5:30-7:30PM

Coupeville Recreation Hall

Everyone is invited and everyone is welcome! Join Central Whidbey Hearts & Hammers and share a delicious meal with your neighbors. Donations welcome with all proceeds to support CWH&H. For more information, call 360-720-2114 or email cwheartsandhammers@gmail.com

## Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below

Cost: Free

## Lit For Fun Book Group

Thursday, January 23, 9:00-11:00AM

Freeland Library

Join us for a discussion of John Williams'

"Stoner," an unassuming story about the life of a quiet English professor, which has earned the admiration of readers all over the globe. For adults.

## Live Music in the Library: Andre Feriante

Friday, January 24, 1:00PM

Freeland Library

A program of music and spoken poetry by guitarist and composer Andre Feriante. Andre will take the audience on a meditative, multi-cultural, musical journey using several stringed instruments, the Spanish guitar, oud, baglama, sitar, charango and voice. He will also read and recite original poetry that relates to music, the realms of dream, and our journeys with love and loss. Seating is limited. Please arrive up to 60 minutes early to reserve at the door.

## Made By Hand: Heart Art

Saturday, January 25, 10:00AM-12:00PM

Freeland Library

We will use paper, wool felt and more to craft our hearts out. For all ages, but please register.

## WIMJAM: Whidbey Island Music Jam

Sunday, January 26, 3:00-5:00PM

Freeland Library

These jam sessions are for anyone looking for a supportive, educational and fun music experience. All acoustic (unplugged) instruments are welcome - guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, dulcimer, harmonica, bass, voice, etc. This traditional 'jam circle' is an opportunity for musicians of all ages and levels of ability, from beginner to veteran, to share, learn and play old time traditional tunes. Registration is recommended (including email addresses) so participants can receive song lists, music notation, and other jam information. Drop-ins welcome.

## Writers by the Sea

Monday, January 27, 10:00AM-12:00PM

Freeland Library

Writers by the Sea is a group of dedicated writers (fiction, non-fiction, poetry, blog) who come together to polish skills, share past and present work, and have fun discussing all things literary. Receive helpful feedback from other writers. The only requirement for attending is to have a passion for writing.

## Discuss the Classics with Rita Bartell Drum

Monday, January 27, 1:30PM

Oak Harbor Library

Join us as we share the wit, wisdom and occasional controversy of Mark Twain's lesser known essays. We open with a summary for those who may not have been able to complete the reading. It's just more fun that way. For more information, contact Rita Bartell Drum at ritadrum777@gmail.com or 631-707-5980.

## Religious Services

### South Whidbey Community Church

Sundays, 9:00-9:45AM Adult Bible Study

10:00-11:00AM Worship

Deer Lagoon Grange, 5142 Bayview Rd, Langley

Sunday, January 26 - Pastor Wenzek: I Feel

Angry (Righteous vs. Unrighteous Anger).

Services are followed by a light lunch. You are invited to join us for lunch and loving fellowship.

### Prayer Group

Every Tuesday, 4:00-5:30PM

St. Hubert Catholic Church, Langley

Charismatic Prayer and Praise group. Everyone welcome. For more information, call B. Moore at 360-320-0937.

### Filipino Christian Fellowship

Sundays, 2:00PM

Meets at Church on the Rock,

1780 SE 4th Ave., Oak Harbor.

www.ohcfellowship.com

## Healing Rooms

Every Thursday, 6:30-8:30PM

5200 Honeymoon Bay Road, Freeland

The Healing Rooms are open to anyone desiring personal prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs. There is a team of Christians from several local churches dedicated to praying for healing the sick in our community. All ministry is private, confidential, and free. Teams are available to pray for individuals who drop by on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, contact Ann at 425-263-2704, email healingwhidbey.com, or visit the International Association of Healing Rooms at healingrooms.com.

## Meetings & Organizations

### Monthly BoHo Mixer

Thursday, January 23, 5:00-7:00PM

Ciao Restaurant, Coupeville

Kick off the new year by connecting with fellow creatives. BoHo Mixers are informal, monthly meet ups at various restaurants, wineries and other venues. These events are self-catered/no-host, and members can drop in and out at any time during the mixer and stay after for dinner with your friends.

### State of the Park Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 26, 5:00PM

Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory, Anacortes

This is an excellent opportunity for park friends, neighbors and the public to find out more about Deception Pass State Park and Deception Pass Park Foundation. The event will begin with a social hour. At 6:00PM, we will hear presentations from the foundation, interpretive staff and then park manager, Jason Armstrong. Please stay for questions and answers following the presentations. Held in Lindren Hall at the Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory, 15510 Rosario Beach Road. For more information, email deceptionpassfoundation@gmail.com.

### Whidbey Island Real Estate Investors

Thursday, January 30, 6:00PM

Coupeville Library

Local investors meeting with guest speaker providing property management best practices, plus group discussion about ramping up your 2020 investing. Call 206-419-7516 for more information.

### Island County Master Gardener Foundation

Thursday, January 30, 6:30-8:00PM

Coupeville Recreation Hall,

901 Alexander St.

Seth Luginbill, noxious weed coordinator for the Island County Noxious Weed Control Board will present *From Sea to Hilltop: A look at noxious weed control in unique and unusual habitats throughout Whidbey Island*. In this talk, we will be exploring noxious weed control as it relates to different sites and specific projects around Whidbey Island. Starting along the shoreline and working our way towards the forests, prairies, wetlands, and other Whidbey island habitats, we will see the effects of noxious weeds on these native landscapes and how controlling them in some of these environments can present unique challenges as land managers.

### PFLAG Whidbey Island

Tuesday, February 4, 6:30PM

Clean Water Facility Interpretive Center, Oak Harbor

PFLAG supports and advocates for LGBTQ+ members of our community, their friends, and family. If you need support, or to learn more, drop by. Park between Peoples and Wells Fargo Bank and head down the sidewalk toward shore. Find us on Facebook.

### Whidbey Weavers Guild

Thursday, February 6, 1:00PM

Pacific Rim Institute, Coupeville

Cheryl Lawrence, a local fabric artist (cheryl-lawrenceart.com) will present about Contemporary Katazome. She will explain how she uses the ancient art of katazome to create contemporary comment on nature and politics. For more information, visit www.whidbey-weaversguild.org.

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Photo Courtesy of Saratoga Orchestra of Whidbey Island

Oak Harbor High School choral director Darren McCoy rehearses with choral class members in preparation for a weekend concert collaboration with Saratoga Orchestra of Whidbey Island.



Saratoga Orchestra of Whidbey Island joins forces with singers from the Oak Harbor High School choruses to present "Crowning Achievements: A Royal Collaboration" this weekend. Concerts will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Langley and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Oak Harbor.

## Enjoy a musical partnership this weekend

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Saratoga Orchestra of Whidbey Island and Oak Harbor High School choirs hope to whisk music lovers away on a truly majestic musical journey this weekend, as they present "Crowning Achievements: A Royal Collaboration." Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Oak Harbor High School gymnasium. Pre-concert chats will begin 45 minutes prior to each performance, at 6:45 and 1:45 p.m., respectively.

Saratoga Orchestra began partnering with OHHS choral director Darren McCoy and his students in 2015; it has resulted in several harmonious musical adventures.

"Our first collaboration was in 2015 with the epic masterpiece, 'Carmina Burana,'" explained Saratoga Orchestra Musical Director Anna Edwards. "It was evident after the success with that concert that we have this very special resource we could collaborate with in our Whidbey musical community. Since that time, we have also partnered with Darren McCoy's choral groups on Vivaldi's 'Gloria' and Faure's 'Requiem' for chorus and orchestra. [This time] Darren had some excellent thoughts on repertoire and we came up with the idea of programming a concert around 'Royalty.'"

"After we took a break from last year, I wanted to change our tactics," said McCoy. "Instead of doing large works, we decided to separate the high school choruses and do movements related to royalty. Since the music is quite difficult, we have been working on them off and on since the beginning of the school year."

According to McCoy, the opportunity to perform with a live orchestra is a unique experience his students will always remember.

"It's extremely uncommon for high school students to perform with orchestras and we are lucky to have the Saratoga Orchestra around and willing to work with us," he said. "While the audience gets an exciting concert, the real benefits are the exercises and concepts that will last forever with the students. High art takes LOTS of time and dedication."

The experience is equally beneficial to members of the orchestra, according to Edwards.

"The chorus is considered to be the solo instrument and the orchestra is accompaniment," she described. "One of my favorite aspects of performing with the choir is the clear sense of story as the compositions have words and you can find all sorts of text painting through the music."

Both Edwards and McCoy said the pieces to be performed at these concerts are very challenging.

"One of Treble Choir's pieces, 'Gloria Et Divitiae,' is by Antonio Vivaldi, a sort of philanthropist who helped teach young women in an orphanage in the 18th century," McCoy said. "His music is wonderful for the developing voice and we chose two pieces with quite difficult melismas (a term for when you sing a lyric such as 'Gloria,' with 30 notes, as fast as you can).

"Harbor Singers will be singing 'Zadok, the Priest,' a bombastic piece played for the British coronation ceremonies," he continued. "It, too, takes the vocal challenges normally presented in Harbor Singers to a new level. Long melismas and sustained notes at the absolute height of their ranges are just a few challenges, but then add on the 'Hallelujah Chorus' and their set turns into a veritable endurance race."

"Vivaldi's 'Magnificat' in G minor was written between 1717-1719 and revised in the 1720s for the Ospedale della Pietà (Hospice of Mercy)," said Edwards, adding more historical perspective on this composition. "Like hundreds of his other musical compositions, Vivaldi's works for the famous all-female choir and orchestra of the Ospedale della Pietà disappeared following the composer's death in 1741 and were accidentally discovered in the 1920s by Alberto Gentili, professor of music history at the University of Turin.

"Vivaldi wrote several 'Beatus vir' (from Psalm 111) to be sung in Vespers (sunset evening prayer service) on Sundays and holidays," Edwards continued. "'The Gloria et divitiae' is written originally for two sopranos (though we will sing with two soprano choir sections) and uses an echo technique. It is a beautiful and compelling piece for female voices."

Other works to be included in these performances are 'Overture' from 'Music for the Royal Fireworks,' by George Frideric Handel; 'Romance No. 2, op. 50 in F Major' by Ludwig von Beethoven; 'Ave Verum Corpus' and 'Gloria' from 'Coro-

nation Mass' by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; as well as the additional Handel compositions 'Zadok the Priest,' 'Pifa' and 'Hallelujah Chorus' from 'Messiah.'

"The performance of the Beethoven piece not only continues our celebration of Beethoven's 250th birthday this season, but will highlight our magnificent concertmaster, [violinist] Sarah Pizzichemi," said Edwards, adding, "It is always a treat to work with Darren McCoy's students. They are always well prepared, professional, and lovely to work with. It is a treat to work with young musicians who are performing masterwork compositions for the first time. Their energy is infectious."

Conductor Edwards will also pass the baton for one of the pieces, making for another new experience.

"I will be conducting the 'Hallelujah Chorus,'" said McCoy. "Since I have never conducted an orchestra in performance, this will be my orchestral conducting debut."

There is truly much to look forward to in these performances, including a nice assortment of music and the very popular pre-concert chats, which will feature Marta Zekan from Seattle's Classical KING-FM radio, and Edwards.

"Marta knows how to find incredibly interesting information and has a way to encourage engaged listening," said Edwards. "[Audiences] will, of course, love seeing the students and they will truly enjoy the variety of the music."

"Almost a year ago, I played recordings of some of these pieces for the students," McCoy said. "They looked at each other like I was crazy. I am most looking forward to sitting in the audience for several pieces and watching them exceed what they thought possible."

General admission tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and military and students and youth under 18 are free. Tickets for the Saturday evening concert only are available online at [sowhidbey.com](http://sowhidbey.com), [wicaonline.org](http://wicaonline.org) or by calling 360-221-8262. Tickets for the Sunday afternoon concert can be purchased in advance at [bayleaf.com](http://bayleaf.com) in Coupeville or at Click Music in Oak Harbor. The box office will open two hours before Sunday's performance. Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted. Call 360-929-3045 for information.

## Celebrate with The Center in Oak Harbor

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

The Center in Oak Harbor has long been a hub for activities and events, but now the location formerly known as the Oak Harbor Senior Center has a new moniker, and everyone is invited to the ribbon cutting to celebrate. The ceremony will be held at The Center's building at 51 SE Jerome St., Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be live music, a small art show and refreshments.

According to Executive Director Liz Lange, the name change simply better represents what The Center is and eliminates the neg-

ative connotation associated with the word "senior," discovered during a number of surveys and focus groups conducted over the past two years.

"We found the word 'senior' was actually a barrier to their participation," said Lange, pointing out The Center is aimed at those age 50 and above. "They said they never felt [the word] described them - it was for their mom, but not them. Of course, once they got involved, they realized it was not like that."

For Lange, the work she's done over the

past two years at the helm of The Center is a continuation of what previous administrators began. The purpose of the 'branding,' as she calls it, is an effort to fulfill three main goals: Removing barriers to participation; reinforcing the point that The Center is a department of the City of Oak Harbor; and increasing community awareness of this resource.

"Even people who have lived in this community for a long time didn't know we are here," she said. "So we needed to brand

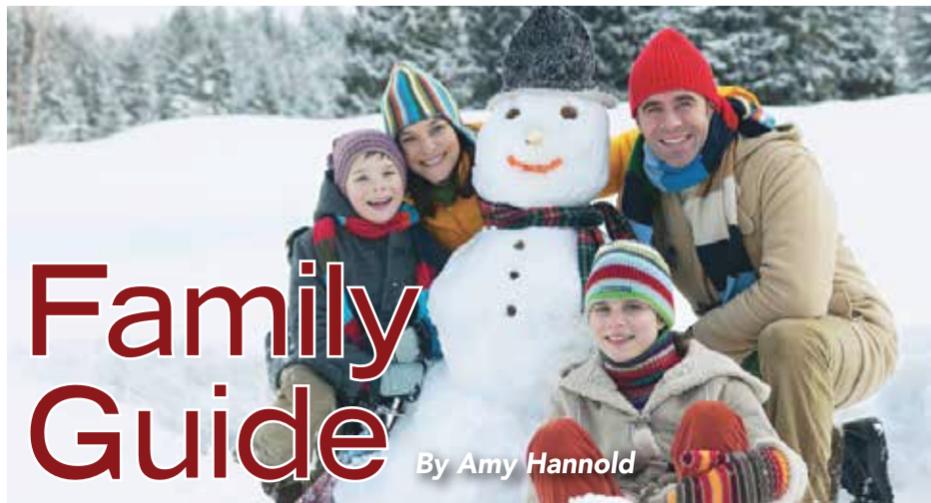
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Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly

The Center in Oak Harbor will celebrate its new name at a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. Enjoy live music, refreshments and a small art show featuring work by members.





# Family Guide

By Amy Hannold

**Rise, Shine and Run:** A group has formed to walk/run the Waterman Loop Trail at South Whidbey Community Park. It meets Saturdays at 8 a.m., all women of any walking/running experience are welcome. You don't have to be fast, you don't have to want to run a race, you just have to want to get outside in the company of other women. The group hopes to expand into meet-ups at other times/days of the week. Meet the group on Facebook: South Whidbey Moms that Run.

**Get Ready, There's Still More Winter Ahead:** Our recent snow days are a good reminder to be prepared for emergencies. Island County's Emergency Management department has a wide variety of educational and informative tools to help residents be emergency-ready. Learn about local hazards, connect to alert broadcasts, and educate yourself about a wide variety of steps you can take before a disaster to minimize potential emergency effects. This vital information and connection is also available via the Island County Preparedness app for mobile phones.

The Island County DEM encourages pet owners, parents, and individuals to spend some time learning about what they could encounter and prepare for it. Advice from experts instructs us to know how to respond to a variety of disasters and be equipped to be self-sufficient for two weeks, as emer-

gency responders cannot get to everyone at once. This includes first-aid supplies, food and water, sanitation and shelter.

"Map Your Neighborhood" is a FEMA-endorsed program to prepare and strengthen communities, for emergency management and disaster loss reduction. You can find the MYN training videos and instruction guide on the Island County DEM website. Residents who want to become trained in disaster response skills are welcome to register for a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class. The class takes a weekend to complete, and is free of charge (Islandcert.org).

Kids can "Be a Hero" with fun games and completing activities at the FEMA Ready Kids website (Ready.gov/kids). Talking points and guides to help children cope with emergencies are also provided. At the same website, teens are encouraged to be a leader in their family and community by becoming an advocate for emergency preparedness, and taking steps to be a part of trained disaster response. Youth educators, too, can find resources for age-appropriate discussion and the types of preparedness measures they should complete.

**Run to Swing the Gates:** This 5k fun run/walk at Deception Pass State Park Sunday, March 29, offers a unique and fun oppor-

tunity to run or walk through the Cranberry Lake campground before it is open for the season. The stroller-friendly and dog-friendly course is on paved roads and weaves through old growth forests with beautiful views of Cranberry Lake. An early registration discount is in effect through Feb. 14. Event proceeds benefit the park's educational programs. Youth (ages 4-11): \$15, Adult (12+): \$25. Kids under 4 run for free. Deceptionpassfoundation.org

**Natural Beauties on Display:** The Whidbey Rock and Gem Show is Feb. 8 and 9 at The Center in Oak Harbor, 51 SE Jerome St., Oak Harbor. Show hours are Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to this family-friendly event is free. A variety of demonstrators share the skills and creativity of turning rocks into jewelry and more. Learn about the creation of arrowheads, bead making, silversmithing, stone cutting and polishing. Vendors will be selling rough rock, polished display pieces, rock and gem tools, jewelry and other items. Rock specimens from all over the world, including crystals, geodes, and minerals will be on display. Fun door prizes, games and rock identification will also be featured.

**Swap Seeds and Gardening Knowledge:** Bring seeds, plants, tubers and garden know-how to swap and share at the Whidbey Island Seed Swap, Saturday, Feb. 8, 2 to 5 p.m. at the Coupeville Library. The WSU Extension Master Gardeners, The Organic Farm School and South Whidbey Tilth will be there with their knowledge of local growing and to answer questions. Swaps are designed for gardening newbies and master gardeners alike. Get seeds from local growers and share seeds from your own harvest. Even if you have nothing to swap, come and get a few seeds; you will then have them to grow and share next year! For seed sharing guidelines and more information, visit Sno-isle.org/events/Coupeville.

**Quest for a Glass Treasure:** The Great Northwest Glass Quest is Feb. 14-23. Find one of 400 plastic clue balls and win a hand-blown glass ball. To begin your adventure, see the guide book at TheGreatNWGlassQuest.

com. There also is an app, with maps and local specials. Your search for a clue ball will take you on a self-guided tour of Quest sites, including parks, businesses and community sites in Stanwood and on Camano Island. It's free to participate, with the exception of the Discover Pass requirement for state parks. Visit Feb. 22-23 and also enjoy the Port Susan Snow Goose and Birding Festival, Snow-GooseFest.org.

**Prepare to Be Mystified:** World-renowned Thrillusionist, David DaVinci, will appear in Oak Harbor for two shows Saturday, Feb. 15, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. This event, full of mind-boggling illusions and jaw dropping magic, seamlessly fused with exotic parrots that materialize from thin air, benefits the Boys and Girls Club of Oak Harbor and Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Island County. You'll laugh, you'll cheer, your jaw will hit the floor, as David DaVinci presents his interpretation of the age-old art of magic and sleight of hand. Family-friendly, this show is sure to entertain everyone. Tickets are \$15-\$25; a "VIP" package is available which includes a meeting with the Thrillusionist and his parrot. 360-675-5953 or Whidbeycommunications@windermere.com

**Solve the Mystery:** Sleuths of all ages are welcome to solve Langley's annual "Whodunnit," Feb. 22 - 23. This year's theme is "Murder at Mardi Gras." Participating sleuths are encouraged to wear Mardi Gras costumes and join the parade of characters Saturday at 12:30 p.m. Enjoy a day in the Village by the Sea as you view the crime scene, interview suspects and then discover the solution. Work through the clues on either Saturday and/or Sunday. You need not be present to win in the prize drawing of correct solution entries at the "big reveal" Sunday at 5 p.m. The cost to participate is just \$12 per map (\$10 for military, youth, and seniors), and includes a chance to guess who dunnit, and possibly win great prizes. VisitLangley.com

**Find Fun for All Seasons:** A calendar and guides pointing you easily to all-weather, all-ages activities and events on Whidbey and beyond can be found at WhidbeyIslandMacaroniKid.com.

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# MILITARY MUSTER



NAS Whidbey Island, Washington

January 23-29, 2020

## Larsen: Naval Station Everett is Ideal Location for Future Navy, Coast Guard Homeporting

Last month, Rep. Rick Larsen (WA-02), a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee and House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, released a report outlining why Naval Station Everett (NSE) is the ideal location for future U.S. Navy and Coast Guard homeporting. In the report, Larsen highlights NSE's location, natural deep-water port, modern infrastructure and new shipyards as unique and vital fits for future Navy and U.S. Coast Guard missions.

"Naval Station Everett is still the Sailor's Choice, but I am working to make it the Pentagon's Choice," said Larsen. "For more than 20 years, NSE has played a crucial role in keeping the country safe and protecting U.S. interests worldwide. Everett is ready, willing and able to support more and larger ships. I look forward to continue working with local leaders to make that case to the Navy and the Coast Guard."

Larsen cited several advantages to NSE as an ideal future homeport for Navy and U.S. Coast Guard vessels:

- As a natural deep-water port, NSE has no tidal restrictions, bridges or other obstructions between port and the open ocean and does not require dredging to maintain depth.
- The Navy will need every available pier in order to reach its 355-ship goal by 2049. NSE hosted Navy frigates in the past and has the capability to do so in the future.
- NSE is in the center of the Pacific Northwest transportation network.
- Location and ease of access make NSE an ideal location for U.S. Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Cutter Homeporting.

Larsen has long pushed to homeport more Navy and U.S. Coast Guard vessels at NSE. In 2012, Larsen worked to bring three destroyers to the base and in 2013, pushed the Navy to avoid a gap between retiring frigates and bringing in the new destroyers. In 2015, Larsen supported homeporting three destroyers at the base. Larsen has also continually advocated for the return of the USS Nimitz since it left for Bremerton in 2015.

Conceived as an aircraft carrier homeport, NSE is now home to six Navy destroyers and two U.S. Coast Guard ships. Since its commissioning in 1994, NSE has functioned as one of the country's premier naval bases and is the most modern base in the Navy. The base has served as the homeport for two aircraft carriers, the USS Abraham Lincoln, from 1997 to 2011 and the USS Nimitz from 2012 to 2015. In 2015, the Navy affected a temporary homeport shift for the Nimitz from NSE to Bremerton to prepare the ship for a planned maintenance period.

Subsequently, Navy planning documents did not return Nimitz to NSE and did not homeport any other carrier at NSE. This year, Vigor Marine LLC was awarded a contract for long-term repair work on two cruisers, the USS Chosin (CG 65) and USS Cape St. George (CG 71). While the cruisers will be located in Seattle, the crew and families will be homeported in Everett.

With the loss of the carrier mission, Rep. Larsen will continue to engage with local leaders and the Navy to develop strategies to ensure NSE continues to play a vital role in national security.

## NAS Whidbey SAR Conducts MEDEVAC From Orcas Island

A Search and Rescue (SAR) team from Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island conducted a medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) from Orcas Island, Wash., the morning of Jan. 14, 2020.

The SAR crew responded to a call just after 10 a.m. to transport a 42-year-old male who had slipped on the ice and suffered an extreme ankle injury where he could potentially lose his foot. SAR picked him up on Orcas Island and transported him to St. Joseph's Hospital in Bellingham just before 1 p.m.

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island SAR has conducted five total missions throughout Washington State this year, including one search and four medical evacuations.

The Navy SAR unit operates three MH-60S helicop-

ters from NAS Whidbey Island as search and rescue/medical evacuation (SAR/MEDEVAC) platforms for the EA-18G aircraft as well as other squadrons and personnel assigned to the installation. Pursuant to the National SAR Plan of the United States, the unit may also be used for civil SAR/MEDEVAC needs to the fullest extent practicable on a non-interference basis with primary military duties according to applicable national directives, plans, guidelines and agreements; specifically, the unit may launch in response to tasking by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (based on a Washington State Memorandum of Understanding) for inland missions, and/or tasking by the United States Coast Guard for all other aeronautical and maritime regions, when other assets are unavailable.

## Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group Departs for Deployment

### From Carrier Strike Group 9 Public Affairs

The Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group (TRCSG) departed San Diego for a scheduled Indo-Pacific deployment, Jan. 17.

More than 6,000 Sailors assigned to TRCSG ships and units will provide maritime security, maintain freedom of the seas in accordance with international law and customs, and operate with international partners and allies to promote regional stability and prosperity.

"The U.S. Navy carrier strike group serves as the centerpiece of deterrence, providing our national command authority with flexible deterrent options and a visible forward presence," said Rear Adm. Stu Baker, commander, Carrier Strike Group (CSG) 9. "The Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group trained hard, performed well, and is now ready to execute whatever missions we are assigned."

TRCSG consists of Carrier Strike Group 9, USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), Carrier Air Wing

(CVW) 11, the Ticonderoga class guided-missile cruiser USS Bunker Hill (CG 52), Destroyer Squadron 23, and the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers USS Russell (DDG 59), USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), USS Pinckney (DDG 91), USS Kidd (DDG 100) and USS Rafael Peralta (DDG 115).

Theodore Roosevelt's embarked air wing consists of the "Tomcaters" of Strike Fighter Squadrons (VFA) 31, "Golden Warriors" of VFA-87, "Blue Diamonds" of VFA-146, "Black Knights" of VFA-154, "Liberty Bells" of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 115, "The Gray Wolves" of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 142, "Wolf Pack" of Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 75, "Eight Ballers" of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 8 and "Providers" of Fleet Logistic Support Squadron (VRC) 30 Detachment 3.

"I'm excited to lead this outstanding crew out on deployment," said Capt. Brett Crozier, Theodore Roosevelt's commanding officer. "Carrier Strike Groups bring unparalleled naval combat

power to the fight. No other weapon system has the responsiveness, endurance, battlespace awareness, and command and control capabilities of a carrier and its embarked air wing."

The TRCSG last deployed for a seven-month deployment supporting Operations Inherent Resolve and Freedom's Sentinel, as well as maritime security cooperation efforts in U.S. 5th and 7th Fleet areas of operations October 2017 to May 2018.

The Theodore Roosevelt Carrier Strike Group is part of U.S. 3rd Fleet, which leads naval forces in the Pacific and provides the realistic, relevant training necessary for an effective global Navy. U.S. 3rd Fleet constantly coordinates with U.S. 7th Fleet to plan and execute missions based on their complementary strengths to promote ongoing peace, security, and stability throughout the entire Pacific theater of operations.

For more information about USS Theodore Roosevelt, visit [www.public.navy.mil/airfor/cvn71/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.public.navy.mil/airfor/cvn71/Pages/default.aspx)

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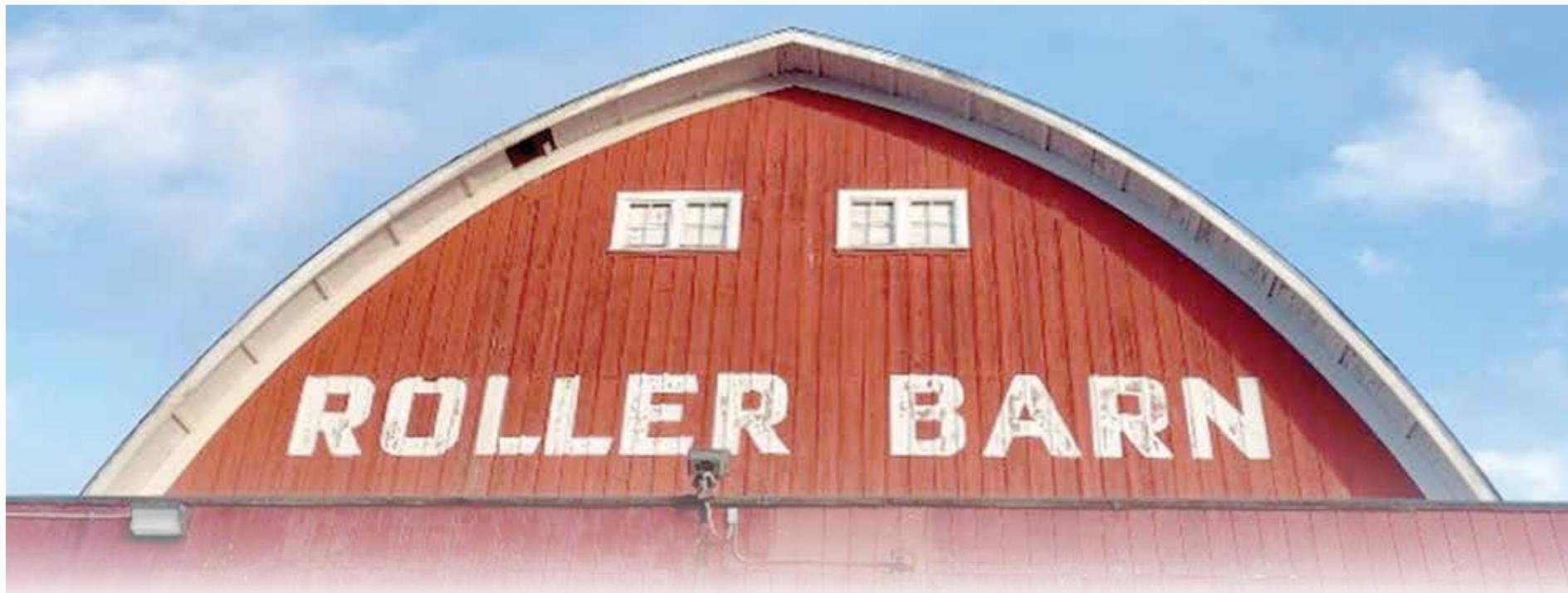
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## Effort underway to keep good times rolling

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

An Oak Harbor man is asking the Whidbey Island community to help save an iconic part of history – the Roller Barn.

Oak Harbor businessman James Croft and his family are purchasing the historic building but need fundraising help to make it happen. Croft outlined his plans to save the structure Sunday evening at a community rally at the Roller Barn.

"To me, it's about retaining a part of our heritage," said Croft. "It's important. All of us who grew up here remember the Roller Barn. It's part of our community."

"This was originally a dairy barn," he continued, referring to a historical photograph showing the barn when it was finished in 1913. "The land behind it doesn't have any buildings around, it was by itself. So this barn actually got an opportunity to watch the entire city grow around it. Consider this – in 1912, 1913 they didn't have a Makita drill on their site, they didn't have power tools, they didn't have cranes. That barn was built by bending that lumber...all of it was built by hand."



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly  
Whidbey Island native James Croft explains his plans to purchase and update the historic Roller Barn at a Sunday night rally in Oak Harbor.

The original 360-acre farm was owned by a sea captain named George Morse. James Neil purchased the farm in the early 1900s, hiring Otto Van Dyk to build the barn in 1912. Soren Rasmussen and Darrell Ellis purchased the property in 1950, converting the barn and opening it as a roller-skating rink.

The Boys and Girls Club of Oak Harbor has owned the property since 1994. The organization has moved into a new facility and is selling the Roller Barn to help facilitate renovations at its new location. After an initial offer to purchase and potentially demolish the barn fell through, Croft decided to step in. But he said he needs help to make it happen. He is hoping to raise \$40,000 by Feb. 22 and another \$40,000 by March 31 to seal the deal.

"I've never done fundraising," he said. "I've owned businesses, where you do it on your own and use your own capital...but I've never done anything like this. This is all brand-new territory."

In addition to selling mugs and T-shirts, Croft is selling annual memberships to help raise money. Cost will range from \$19.99 to \$999, and will feature options for basic, unlimited and lifetime memberships for one person or a family. People can also buy a "Gift of Skate" option, which allows those gift memberships to be donated to those who can't afford to purchase one. Croft is also offering sponsorships at silver, gold and platinum levels. A Battle of the Bands fundraising event has also been scheduled for Feb. 22.

"The idea with Battle of the Bands is any local groups [or performers] can sign up. We'll have an all-day concert where you can come and go as you like," Croft explained. "There will be an admission fee and people will be asked who they've come to see. That group will get a check mark by its name and at the end, whoever gets the most check marks wins Battle of the Bands. You could actually be a terrible singer, but if you get the most people coming to the barn to see you, you win."

The biggest thing for Croft in all this is preserving this part of Oak Harbor's past. He said the Roller Barn has simply touched too many lives over the years to allow it to be forgotten.

"How many of you have actually been in here roller skating?" he asked. "And it doesn't matter what generation you're from. If you're from the 50s when this opened up, you were one of the first to see it. If you were born in the 90s, well, you probably came here as a Boys and Girls Club member. If you were born in the 2000s and beyond, you're still part of the Boys and Girls Club generation. I skated here in the 80s."



Photo Courtesy of James Croft  
The Roller Barn was built for James Neil in 1912 by Otto Van Dyk. At the time, it was the largest barn west of the Mississippi. The building was converted into the Roller Barn in 1950.

Croft plans to bring back the fun and nostalgia of this community gathering spot while upgrading and adding to what will be offered. Short term goals include adding laser tag on the bottom level of the barn along with pinball and video games. Look for that to be up and running in February. Other plans call for bringing back open public skating and eventually, Croft wants to add youth sport skating, such as roller hockey, youth roller derby, speed skating and roller dancing. An upgraded snack bar is part of the plan as well, in addition to adding a small, interactive museum focused on the agricultural history of the area.

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ourselves, to market who we are and what we do. I found it interesting that we are here for anyone over 50, and yet anyone up to about age 75 didn't identify with the word 'senior,' so we were missing out on a large part of the population we serve."

The new name is much more descriptive of everything The Center has to offer.

"We want to be The Center in Oak Harbor where people can find the services and community they need," said Lange.

The Center provides a number of activities for its members, including several dance and fitness classes, groups that gather to play games or create works of art, support groups and links to available services through its

partnership with Island Senior Resources. Programming focuses on preventing and combatting isolation, something which can lead to other health and mental health issues.

"There's an adult day care program, for example, plus we can provide information and resources on a number of topics, whether it's a financial, physical or emotional need," Lange said. "We focus on 'whole wellness.' We have classes available for those who are very sedentary to those who are very active, from yoga to Tai Chi to pickle ball.

"We also do a lot of events, such as our summer music series or our wearable arts runway show – that was a big hit," she continued. "February 28 we're having our Roaring 20s night with the Sea Notes; we

love having live music. People really feel this is a good place where they can come be with friends in a comfortable environment."

Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to become a member of The Center. Cost to join is \$40 a year and it gives access to many of its activities and resources. Whatever it is Lange and her staff are doing, it seems to be working.

"Membership has been increasing over the past two years," she said. "We're very excited because we just hit 1,000 members. That's a huge milestone for us. When I started, we had 648 members. But even with hitting that milestone, that's still just a fraction of the population we serve here."

With just three paid staff members, much of the work at The Center falls to its volunteers, who answer the phones, send emails and help with day-to-day operations. New volunteers are always welcome to get involved.

The future, said Lange, is full of enormous possibilities.

"I'm excited to get out into the community, to take what we do here outside these walls," she said. "The ball is already rolling; we've got to pick up on the momentum and keep going forward. I hope we are always improving and that we'll always be what the community wants us to be."

Find more information online at oakharbor.org.



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# Film Shorts

Courtesy of Cascadia Weekly

By Carey Ross

**1917:** This Sam Mendes-directed, Roger Deakins-lensed World War I drama, already a critical darling, announced itself as a major awards contender with Best Director and Best Drama wins at the Golden Globes, as well as 10 Oscar nominations in all the categories that matter. ★★★★★ (R • 1 hr. 50 min.)

**Bad Boys For Life:** Will Smith and Martin Lawrence team up one last time (until the next time) as Miami cops looking to take down some big baddie in this entertaining, high-energy buddy comedy you'll forget five minutes after you leave the theater. ★★★ (R • 2 hrs. 4 min.)

**Dolittle:** Robert Downey Jr. plays the man who can talk to animals (is it because of his accent of unknown origins? Is that why they can understand him?) and reunites with fellow Avenger Tom Holland (now a dog instead of a spider) to fight Thanos one last time (or save a princess, same same). ★ (PG • 1 hr. 46 min.)

**Frozen II Sing-A-Long:** Wait, was it not a sing-a-long before? ★★★★★ (PG • 1 hr. 44 min.)

**The Gentlemen:** Guy Ritchie, whose movies are like the cinematic equivalent of Axe Body Spray but also somehow likeable, remains true to form with another gangster thriller starring Matthew McConaughey, Charlie Hunnam, Hugh Grant, Henry Golding, Colin Farrell, and more. ★★★ (R • 1 hr. 43 min.)

**Jumanji: The Next Level:** This franchise is proof of the Rock's considerable charms are enough to overwhelm and overcome even the most mediocre premise and razor-thin plot. I'm not mad about it. I'm charmed by him too. ★★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 40 min.)



**Just Mercy:** Michael B. Jordan plays Bryan Stevenson, a Harvard-educated lawyer who has dedicated his life to defending the wrongfully accused and underrepresented, as he takes on the case of Walter McMillian (Jamie Foxx) sentenced to Alabama's death

row for a murder he did not commit. ★★★★★ (PG-13 • 2 hrs. 16 min.)

**Knives Out:** This Agatha Christie-esque murder mystery has an excellent ensemble cast—Daniel Craig, Chris Evans, Jamie Lee Curtis, Toni Collette, Christopher Plummer, etc.—an excellent director—Rian Johnson—and excellent reviews. ★★★★★ (PG-13 • 2 hrs. 10 min.)

**Like A Boss:** A comedy about the ugly side of the beauty industry starring Tiffany Haddish, who is like the second coming of Adam Sandler—except without the redeeming dramatic roles—when it comes to starring in truly bad comedies after showing promise early on. ★ (R • 1 hr. 23 min.)

**Little Women:** Greta Gerwig was robbed. Get it together, Academy. ★★★★★ (PG • 2 hrs. 15 min.)

**Spies in Disguise:** A family-friendly buddy comedy in which Will Smith and Tom Holland voice animated characters that look a lot like Will Smith and Tom Holland, someone gets turned into a pigeon and the fate of the planet is at stake. ★★★ (PG • 1 hr. 42 min.)

**Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker:** No one can agree on anything about this movie except this: John Williams totally deserves his 52nd Oscar nomination for composing the score. ★★★★★ (PG-13 • 2 hrs. 35 min.)

**The Turning:** A mysterious house in the wilds of Maine, a couple of disturbed orphans (one of which is "Stranger Things" Finn Wolfhard), and a new nanny who has no idea what she's getting herself into. What could possibly go wrong? ★★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 35 min.)

**Underwater:** Research team goes seven miles deep to the ocean floor only to unleash a slightly different terrifying monster from every other terrifying monster who has ever been unleashed since "Alien" first did the unleashing back in 1979. Oh, and it stars Kristen Stewart, if you're into that. ★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 35 min.)

**Weathering With You:** GKIDS, the distribution house dedicated to carefully curated hand-drawn animated films that have racked up a slew of Oscar nods, brings us another beautifully rendered story, this time of a burned-out man, a woman who can control the weather and a decidedly unconventional love story. ★★★★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 51 min.)

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**FRIDAY, DEC. 27**

**12:01 am, SR 20**

Advising "male who looks like a female" is sleeping in lobby of location.

**5:34 am, Meadowood Ln.**

Reporting party advising hearing neighbors talking about trying to kill him; states subjects are 150 feet away from residence in trailer; last heard them right before call.

**9:27 am, Lakeside Dr.**

Elderly male caller advising "This is a test call only," then disconnected the line.

**10:30 am, Mobius Lp.**

Caller says he wants his car back; Island County Sheriff's Office impounded it and caller is outside location now.

**7:22 pm, East Harbor Rd.**

Reporting party advising has an envelope with large amount of money missing; could be anywhere in Freeland shopping center; requesting call if found.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 28**

**3:17 am, Fircrest Ave.**

Reporting party states male threatened reporting party six years ago; states it's a male who is parading giant.

**11:10 am, N Oak Harbor St.**

Reporting party advising had vehicle stolen a few years ago; vehicle was destroyed and now wants to press charges against male who stole vehicle.

**11:43 am, 5th St.**

Caller states son took her vehicle Dec. 24; states he thought it was his and traded it for another vehicle. Vehicle has now been impounded, unknown which company.

**2:58 pm, SR 525**

Reporting party wants to speak with law enforcement about people following him and harassing him over his diesel truck and its black smoke; wondering what he can do when harassment happens.

**3:27 pm, SE Pioneer Way**

Reporting party states went to location and male owner of store smelled of alcohol; told reporting party his wife is "allergic to sex" and then gave reporting party's hand a kiss before she left against her wishes.

**8:23 pm, Bercot Rd.**

Reporting party advising contractor came to do work for her, has a key to her house and her shed; reporting party lost her set, trying to figure out how to get keys back from subject who won't respond to her.

**10:24 pm, SR 525**

Caller advising just let an employee go and it didn't go well; male outside saying "mean things." Left two minutes ago.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 29**

**2:01 pm, SR 20**

Caller states male in field on Morris Rd. is walking in his underwear, possibly lost or confused. Male in his 80s, balding, was walking toward the water.

**MONDAY, DEC. 30**

**5:58 am, Madrona Way**

Reporting party advising male was just released from jail and is trying to steal her truck, unknown if weapons.

**10:15 am, SE Hathaway St.**

Reporting party states someone has been staying in business crawl space.

**11:43 am, SE Pioneer Way**

Advising subject at location in bathroom without clothes on; washing his clothes.

**12:03 pm, NE Goldie St.**

Reporting party advising friend has been ripped off for about \$75,000 by her next door neighbor.

**2:07 pm, Arnold Rd.**

Reporting party receiving scam phone calls, concerned phone is not hanging all the way up when she hangs up on them.

**6:15 pm, Oak Harbor Rd.**

Caller advising estranged husband states he is going to post online personal information regarding their relationship.

**6:34 pm, Sandberg Ln.**

Requesting call. States over past week, her dog has brought her numerous animal carcasses. Reporting party states she has been throwing them away but is tired of doing that; wondering what else she can do when dog brings things home.

**7:10 pm, SR 20**

Advising black male in area of SR 20 and Goldie Rd. walking in front of cars and trying to climb street light.

**8:43 pm, Cerullo Dr.**

Caller advising she is paying \$200 a month for her house and can't get anyone to put anything on right, she's trying to get information on something and she can't get it.

**8:59 pm, Tidewater Rd.**

Advising someone tried to drag fiance's truck out of driveway; four cars showed up, have left.

**11:27 pm, Heller Rd.**

Television heard in background, female said "I haven't seen this episode, what the f\*\*\*?;" is clearly *Star Trek*.

**TUESDAY, DEC. 31**

**2:56 am, Stellar Ln.**

Reporting party advising he got out of bed and saw three subjects on his property, believes they took his vehicle. Reporting party chased them down the street, when he came back his vehicle was also back but now he can't find his keys. Thinks they took vehicles and did donuts.

**3:55 am, Columbia Beach Dr.**

Reporting male standing in her front yard; male is looking at her house.

**8:21 am, Amberwood Ln.**

Caller hearing two subjects outside of his trailer threatening to burn it down; unknown subjects, possibly neighbors.

**12:52 pm, Main St.**

Reporting party requesting to speak to law enforcement referencing incident that occurred one year ago; was hit by shopping cart. Company has not handled it, states need to speak with law enforcement for half an hour.

**2:08 pm, Serendipity Ln.**

Caller reporting two large pigs in front yard; caller doesn't know where pigs live.

**4:17 pm, Classic Rd.**

Advising neighbor at edge of reporting party's property is screaming and yelling, unknown what he is saying.

Report provided by OHPD & Island County Sheriff's Dept.

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Photo Courtesy of James Croft

Local Oak Harbor businessman James Croft and his family are working to purchase the historic Oak Harbor Roller Barn and have launched a fundraising effort to help.

Maintaining the connection to the Boys and Girls Club is also important to Croft. The proposed plan would allow the organization to continue to use the Roller Barn for its events, Frightville included, for at least the next five years. And, said Croft, contributing to the purchase helps support the community.

"Everything you donate to us, is going to give back to the community in one way or another," he said. "If you give, we give back. If for some reason we are not able to make it, your money doesn't just go away. Your money goes back to you. So if you bought a membership or you bought a sponsorship and [this doesn't happen], you will get it all back."

Long term plans include preserving the building itself, which needs some significant repairs.

"Once we get into the barn and are established, we're going to apply for a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit for the barn restoration," said Croft. "The outside of the barn is in need of help. Estimates to repair the roof, if we were to do just the shingles, we're at about \$150- to \$200,000. The problem is the roof needs more than that. To re-engineer the roof, rebuild the roof, restructure those cupolas, we're looking at probably between a half million to \$750,000 remodel project."

Becoming a nonprofit will allow them to go after some of the many grants available to historical buildings.

"Those grants will hopefully help us get to where we want to go, with the end goal of getting the barn rebuilt to the way it was," he said. "On the exterior of the barn, there's not going to be anything fancy added or anything new. We want to keep it as traditional as we possibly can."

Ultimately, and because of the memories attached to the Roller Barn, Croft wants to protect the historic structure long into the future.

"Once this project is done, we are going to work to get this building added to the National Register of Historic Places, which at that point will protect it for life," he said. "That is our long-term goal – to keep this in the community for the life of the community."

If all goes as planned, Croft said a dual grand opening and 70th anniversary celebration will be held at the Roller Barn June 30.

More information on the history of the Roller Barn and how to support Croft's effort is available online at [therollerbarn.com](http://therollerbarn.com) or find Save the Roller Barn on Facebook.

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For a list of continuous Meetings and Organizations, visit [www.whidbeyweekly.com](http://www.whidbeyweekly.com)

**Classes, Seminars and Workshops**

**Ways of Whales Workshop**

Saturday, January 25, 10:00AM-4:30PM

Coupeville Middle School PAC, 501 S. Main St.

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**"Traditions of Provence"**

Saturday, January 25, 11:00AM-2:00PM

Sunday, January 26, 11:00AM-2:00PM

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**DUI/Underage Drinking Prevention Panel**

Saturday, January 25, 1:00-3:00PM

Oak Harbor Library meeting room

No pre-registration required. Seating at 12:45PM. No late admittance allowed. Open to all and required by local driving schools for driver's education students and parents. For more information, call 360-672-8219 or visit [www.idipic.org](http://www.idipic.org).

**Crime Victims' Rights**

Monday, January 27, 5:30PM

Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St.

Come learn what rights are, the 15 crime victim rights afforded to Washington residents, and the history of victims' rights within the criminal justice system in Washington State and nationally. Presented by Victim Support Services.





THINK. The chances of a hitch are good. The 24th tells the story.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



How's your inner road map? Quite clear? Then surely you see that to get from here to there, wherever there is, you need a whale. An elephant. A bigger, stronger, more capable

someone to do the dirty work. Lucky you. This week's cosmic special--check the ads on the 24th--features the work beast of your dreams. You'll pay dearly, no doubt. Good help does not come cheap. And be practical. Don't shop unicorns when a lawyer would do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



Say it, believe it, and achieve it. Isn't that what the pop gurus all say? This week you can road test their wisdom. Inspiration and perspiration are slated to meet you on the race track. Can

you safely mix the two? It's a volatile compound, and done in the right proportions, you'll go far and fast. Botch the job and the whole thing blows up in your face. Trying to please everyone on the 24th pleases no one, not even yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. The Old Farmer's Almanac confirms it. Even allowing for inflation, this rules out greed as a useful motivator. The week's big dilemma is,

therefore, once you've attained the elusive bird, how do you keep it? Regarding taxes, the Farmer's is mute. The Vedas prescribed offshore tax havens. Thus, your choices on the 24th: Speak no evil, and keep both oars in the water.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



On the question of how to have your cake and eat it, too: The Many Worlds Theory posits that every choice results in an opposite outcome in a parallel world. Ergo, eat your cake here,

have it in the parallel world. Even with dual citizenship, that feels unsatisfyingly hollow. Speed of light commuting may appeal, but is implausible on the 24th. So forget the mind games, just make money. You'll afford all the cakes you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



You are like a magic act this week. The magician's visible hand purposefully distracts, while the real action, the magic, is put in place unseen. And you?

What goes on beneath that smooth exterior? What magic, what fluttering dove, are you preparing to pull from your hat? A new and improved you? A kinder, gentler world? We're with you. Politely looking away while you work. The 24th brings magic all its own.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



A friend in need is a friend indeed. Or so claims an old folk saying. Old folks tend to be pessimistic. Maybe that new neighbor asking for a cup of sugar is just trying to break the

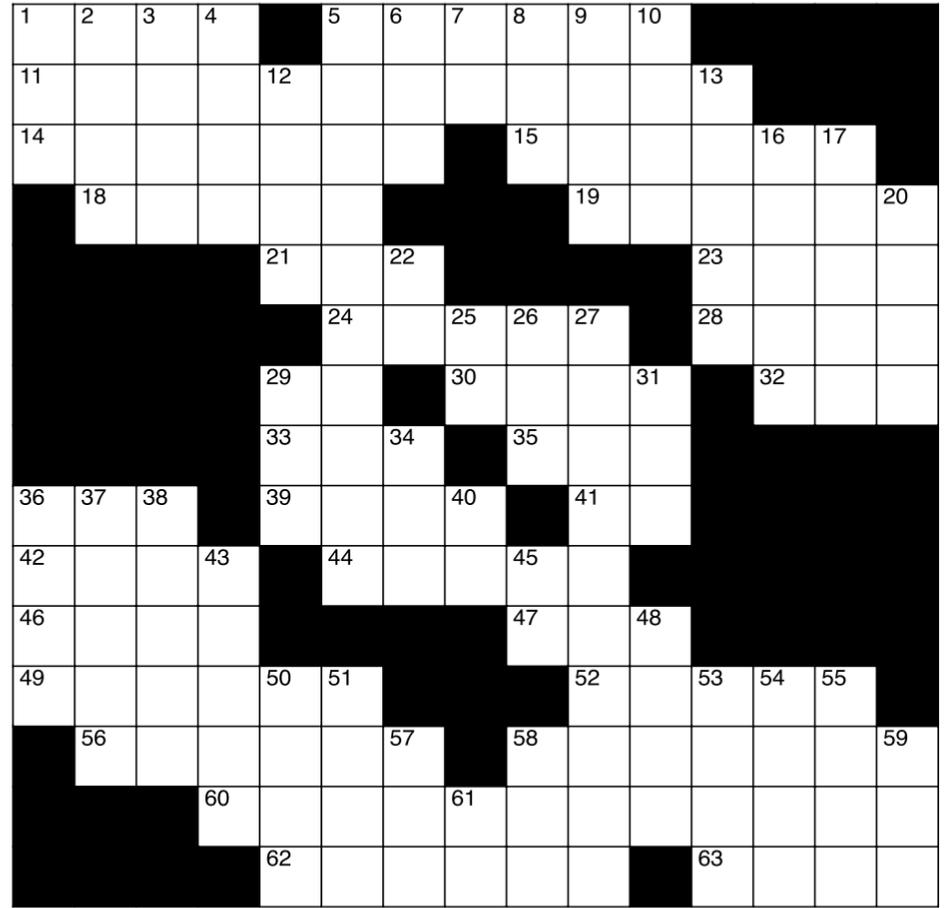
ice? You may soon find out. Friends and neighbors and the stories they weave are a theme of yours this week. If they're stressed, and who isn't, these days, friends may be eyeing you as their way out. Cup of sugar, anyone?

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Chicken Little's knock on the head meant to him that the sky was falling, silly bird. His horoscope showed other possibilities. Don't wait for a knock on the head to ask what's up in your life. Wesley Hallock, as Whidbey Weekly's professional astrologer and horoscope writer, keeps one eye on the sky and alerts us to the prospects each week. To read past columns of Chicken Little and the Astrologer in the Whidbey Weekly, see our Digital Library at www.whidbeyweekly.com.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Beer ingredient
5. Popular FOX TV show
11. Recurring from time to time
14. Criticized severely
15. Musician
18. German urban center
19. Quenched
21. Human gene
23. Indian music
24. Accumulate
28. One who graduated
29. Atomic #109
30. Semitic fertility god
32. Sportscaster Patrick
33. Child's dining accessory
35. Payment (abbr.)
36. Guitarist's tool
39. Dabbling ducks
41. Commercial
42. Style someone's hair
44. Biu-Mandara language
46. Actress Spelling
47. Large hole in the ground

- 49. One-masted sailboats
52. Tropical Asian plant
56. Concurs
58. Latin term for charity
60. The number below the line in a fraction
62. Reddish browns
63. This (Spanish)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Belong to he
2. One time only
3. Parent-teacher groups
4. Puts in place
5. Editing
6. In the course of
7. Helps injured people (abbr.)
8. OJ trial judge
9. Resist authority (slang)
10. Formerly alkenols
12. "Cheers" actress Perlman
13. Jewelled head-dress
16. Viking Age poet
17. Vanuatu island
20. Wish harm upon
22. Unit of length

- 25. Blood type
26. Drain
27. Do-gooders
29. Advanced degree
31. Business designation
34. Chinese-American actress Ling
36. Performs on stage
37. Slang for money
38. Large Russian pie
40. The Mount Rushmore State
43. Narrow inlet
45. News organization (abbr.)
48. Scarlett's home
50. Micturates
51. Monetary unit
53. Any customary observance or practice
54. Sons of Poseidon
55. Facilitates grocery shopping
57. Standard operating procedure
58. Former OSS
59. Midway between south and southeast
61. The Wolverine State

Answers on page 15

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Table with 7 columns for dates from Thurs, Jan. 23 to Wed, Jan. 29. Each column contains weather forecast for North and South Isles, including high/low temperatures and precipitation chances.

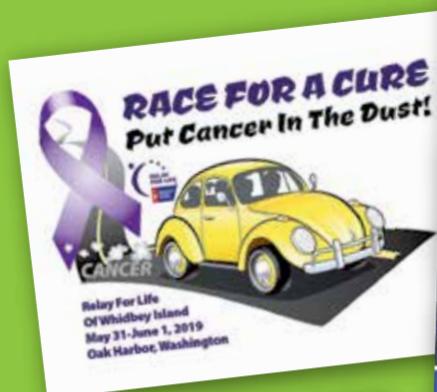


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# Life Tributes



## RICHARD NIELL DONOVAN



Richard Niell Donovan was born in Amarillo, Texas Feb. 14, 1940 to Paul and Camilla Donovan. In 1943, the family moved to Kansas, where Dick grew up.

Dick's mother was active in church, teaching Sunday school and VBS. Her Christian faith influenced Dick, for which he was always deeply grateful.

Dick felt called to the ministry, and graduated from Manhattan Bible College in Manhattan, Kan. He served small rural churches as pastor during those years.

He went to seminary at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, graduating with a Master of Divinity degree—serving two small churches while doing that. He also served as the Director of Ross Hall, a 500-man dorm for Butler University for those years.

Dick was ordained in 1966, and applied for a commission in the U.S. Army as a chaplain. The process took a year, and he began his service in October 1967, attending the Basic Course at the U.S. Army Chaplain School at Fort Hamilton, N.Y. (Brooklyn).

He served two years in Vietnam as well as several stateside posts. At Homestead AFB, Miami, Fla., he worked on an M.B.A. with the University of Utah.

During his year at the Chaplain Advanced Course at Fort Wadsworth, N.Y. (Staten Island), he finished his M.B.A., completed a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling from Long Island University, and completed the Chaplain Advanced Course.

Dick then served four years on the faculty at the Chaplains School, where he developed and managed a senior-level course. While there, he met Dale Harding at the Park Avenue Methodist Church in Manhattan (N.Y.), and they were married there.

He then served as the Army's Homiletics Officer at the Army Chaplain Board. In preparation, the Army sent him to Princeton Theological Seminary to get a Th. M. with an emphasis in preaching—a year that prepared him also for the work he would do after retirement.

Dick served as the Community Chaplain at Mainz, West Germany, Installation Chaplain at Fort Ord, Calif., and finally Command Chaplain of the Military District of Washington.

Dick retired in 1993. He pastored a church for three years, and then began publishing Sermon-Writer, with sermon materials for preachers. He did this for more than two decades. His wife, Dale, is keeping his website online at [www.sermonwriter.com](http://www.sermonwriter.com).

Dick and his family moved to Oak Harbor in 1998, and he and Dale have lived here ever since.

Dick died Jan. 16, 2020, and is survived by his wife, Dale; his daughter, Elizabeth; son, David (Jasmine); and his grandchildren, James and Robert. He is also survived by his brother, Jim (Phyllis); nieces, Jennifer (Jerry) and Stephanie (Phil); and numerous great-nieces and nephews. Services will be held Saturday, Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. at Grace by the Sea Anglican Church, 540 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor.

## JOHN W. MCDONALD

John William (Bill) McDonald passed suddenly Jan. 5, 2020. He was born to John and Aileen McDonald April 24, 1947 in Tacoma, Wash. Bill graduated from Lincoln High School in 1965 and received a degree in Economics from Washington State University in 1969.

He was then commissioned in the Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant and retired as a 1st Lieutenant in 1972. Bill was employed by Boeing and during that time he studied at Seattle University for his MBA. After eight years with Boeing he became employed by Sundstrand, which became Allied Signal and finally Honeywell. His positions with Honeywell were Director of Finance, Director of Quality Assurance and Radar Product Line Manager. He retired in 2006.

Bill married Leslie P. (Penny) Nelson in 1968. Their son, Jeffrey Scott, was born in 1970 followed by their second son, Eric William, in 1971. In 1983 they adopted their daughter, Lori Jo McDonald.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Aileen McDonald and his sister, Judy Fritz. He is survived by his wife, Leslie Penny McDonald; his sons, Scott McDonald (Kaylee) and Eric McDonald (Amy); his daughter, Lori Jo McDonald; his four grandchildren, Jaide and Taylor McDonald and Zoe and Zachary McDonald; his sisters, Jan Bauer, Kathy Weeks (Bob) and Carol Wrenn (Bill); his sisters-in-law, Shannon McClanahan, Laurel Corral (Ernie) and Eileen Lillie (Steve); cousins and many nieces and nephews.

Bill was very attached to his Scottish ancestry and was happy to visit Scotland in August 2019. In his early family years, much time was spent boating in the San Juan Islands and skiing at White Pass with family and friends. He enjoyed both salmon fishing and fly fishing. In 2005, Bill and Penny bought the Whidbey Island cottage and enjoyed crabbing and fishing with their family and friends. He purchased a Model A and joined the Model A club on the island. The car was driven in many parades on the island.

A memorial service and "picnic" luncheon will be held at Edmonds Yacht Club Sunday, Jan. 26, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Everett Recovery Café, P.O. Box 2373, Everett, WA 98213.

Arrangements were entrusted to Wallin Funeral Home, Oak Harbor, Wash.

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